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Listing of the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Amendmdents to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:

wherein R⁴ is selected from:

$$---CH = C^{S^{X}} \qquad (O)_{m}$$

$$CH - N - R^{3}$$

$$R^{1} R^{2} \qquad and - CH = C^{S^{S^{X}}} \qquad (CO-Z)$$

X represents H, halogen, CN or methyl;

 R^1 represents H or C_{1-4} alkyl which is optionally substituted with OH or C_{1-4} alkoxy; or R^4 -and R^2 -together complete a heterocyclic ring of 3-7 members bearing 0-2 substituents, in addition to R^3 , selected from halogen, oxo, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} acyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl and Ar;

when R^{1} represents H or optionally substituted $C_{1.4}$ alkyl, R^{2} and R^{3} independently represent H, $C_{1.10}$ alkyl, $C_{3.10}$ eycloalkyl, $C_{3.6}$ eycloalkyl $C_{1.6}$ alkyl, $C_{2.10}$ alkenyl, $C_{2.10}$ alkynyl, Ar, heterocyclyl, or heterocyclyl $C_{1.6}$ alkyl, wherein the alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups optionally bear one substituent selected from halogen, CF_{3} , NO_{2} , CN, Ar, $ArCH_{2}O$, ArO, OR^{11} , SR^{11} , $SO_{2}R^{12}$, COR^{11} , $CON(R^{11})_{2}$, $OCOR^{12}$, $N(R^{11})_{2}$ and $NR^{11}COR^{12}$; and the heterocyclic groups optionally

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bear up to 3 substituents independently selected from halogen, NO₂, CN, R¹², Ar, ArCH₂O, ArO, ArOCH₂, OR¹¹, SR¹¹, SO₂R¹², COR¹¹, CO₂R¹¹, CON(R¹¹)₂, OCOR¹², N(R¹¹)₂ and NR¹¹COR¹²;

or bieyelie monocyclic heterocyclic ring system of 5-10 ring atoms selected from C, N, O and S, said ring system optionally having an additional benzene or heteroaryl ring fused thereto, said heterocyclic system and optional fused ring bearing 0-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, oxo, NO₂, CN, R¹², Ar, ArCH₂O, ArO, ArOCH₂, -OR¹¹, -SR¹¹, -SO₂R¹², -COR¹¹, -CO₂R¹¹, -CON(R¹¹)₂, -OCOR¹², -N(R¹¹)₂ and -NR¹¹COR¹²;

and when R¹ completes a ring with R², R³ represents H, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆acyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl or benzyl;

m is 0 or 1, with the proviso that when m is 1 neither R^2 nor R^3 is H and R^3 is not acyl, and that m is 1 when X and R^1 are both H;

R¹¹ represents H or R¹²;

R¹² represents C₁₋₆alkyl which optionally bears up to 3 halogen substituents or one substituent selected from CN, OH, C₁₋₄alkoxy and C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl;

Y represents halogen, CN-or methyl;

Z represents OR^{11} or $N(R^5)R^6$;

R⁵-and R⁶-have the same definition as R²-and R³-in the embodiment in which R¹-is H or optionally substituted C₁₋₄alkyl;

R¹⁴ represents H or C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₂₋₆alkynyl, phenyl or benzyl, any of which optionally bear up to 3 halogen substituents or one substituent selected from CN, NO₂, OH, C₁₋₄alkoxy, CO₂H, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₂₋₆acyl, C₂₋₆acyloxy, amino, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₂₋₆acylamino, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl and di(C₁. 4alkyl)carbamoyl; and

Ar represents phenyl or heteroaryl either of which optionally bears up to 3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CF₃, NO₂, CN, OCF₃, C₁₋₆alkyl and C₁₋₆alkoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula II:

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R^{14} & & & \\
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 3-4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Original) A compound according to claim 4 wherein R¹⁴ is 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, X is F, CN or methyl, and R¹ is H.

Claim 6 (Original) A compound according to claim 4 wherein m is 1 and X and R¹ are both H.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutical carrier.

Claim 11-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) A method of treatment of a subject suffering from or prone to Alzheimer's disease comprising administering to that subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.